

[No report.]

JANUARY 27, 1853.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Houston, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported the following bill :

A BILL

Making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department during the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated
4 for the service of the Post Office Department, for the year
5 ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and
6 fifty-four, out of any moneys in the treasury arising from the
7 revenues of the said department, in conformity to the act of
8 the second of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six,
9 and for other purposes, viz :

10 For transportation of the mails, five million and twenty-
11 nine thousand dollars ;

12 For compensation to postmasters, two million and twenty-
13 six thousand dollars ;

14 For ship, steamboat, and way letters, thirty thousand
15 dollars ;

- 16 For wrapping-paper, fifty-two thousand dollars;
- 17 For office furniture, in the offices of postmasters, eigh
18 thousand dollars;
- 19 For advertising, seventy-six thousand five hundred dol-
20 lars;
- 21 For mail-bags, fifty-one thousand dollars ;
- 22 For blanks, fifty-five thousand dollars ;
- 23 For mail-locks, keys, and stamps, twenty thousand dol-
24 lars;
- 25 For mail depredations, and special agents, fifty thousand
26 dollars ;
- 27 For clerks in the offices of postmasters, five hundred and
28 fifty-six thousand dollars ;
- 29 For miscellaneous items, one hundred and twenty thou-
30 sand dollars ;
- 31 For postage-stamps and stamped envelopes, fifty-five thou-
32 sand dollars.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That there be, and
2 is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not
3 otherwise appropriated, a sum not exceeding one million eight
4 hundred thousand dollars, to supply any deficiency that may
5 arise in the revenues of the Post Office Department, to meet
6 the foregoing appropriations, for the year ending the thirtieth
7 of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.